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To the Faculty and Staff of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

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MEMO TO: The University Faculty and Staff

FROM: Earl Lazerson 

SUBJECT: Founders' Celebration

You are cordially invited to attend Founders' Celebration on May 6 and 7, 1984, in honor of those individuals and organizations whose vision and leadership were responsible for the founding of the University.

The Celebration begins Sunday afternoon, May 6, with a Memorial Concert. Members of the music faculty from SIUC and SIUE will present the first public performance of a specially-commissioned chamber music work dedicated to the memory of Dr. Delyte W. Morris, founding president of the University. The performance of this work, written and directed by Professor Marcia La Reau, will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the University Center conference area.

The ceremonies will continue Monday, May 7, with a convocation at 11:00 a.m. on the west lawn of Classroom Building III. At that time, a series of bronze plaques will be unveiled commemorating landowners whose property became part of the main campus, major contributors to the land acquisition fund campaign, craftsmen and laborers who lost their lives in the construction of the University, members of the Southwestern Illinois Council for Higher Education, and the first faculty and staff.

To conclude the ceremonies, Governor James R. Thompson will join in the dedication of the Sam M. Vadalabene Center for Health, Recreation and Physical Education. Following the dedication, there will be a reception and tours of the Vadalabene Center.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremonies will take place in the Meridian Ballroom in the University Center.